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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I cannot say what were the instances brought to the notice of the Government. But generally the matter was brought to our notice, and we thought that it was our duty to warn the public about this.

SRI M. PATANJALI SASTRI : Is it the considered opinion of the Government that all astrologers and palmists are quacks?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, some persons posing as magicians, astrologers and palmists have been cheating the public. This is no aspersion on real astrologers and real palmists but only the quacks who go about as experts and almost extort money from people, predicting all sorts of evil things and then saying that it should be possible to rectify them by poojas. This has reference to them.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : These persons advertise only in the dailies or weeklies. Will the Government direct the dailies or weeklies not to accept advertisements from these people?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Then it will be immediately said that the freedom of the Press is involved. After all, there are so many advertisements coming up. It only shows that we should not take these advertisements quite seriously.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Does this question involve Siddha Vaidhyas?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no specific reference. But some pose as experts and dupe the public. In that way Siddha Vaidhyas come in.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT OF REMESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Co-operative Societies Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly on the 23rd August 1961, for the recommendations of the Council and certifying that the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1961–62.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I rise to present the First Supplementary Estimates for the year 1961–62. The detailed explanatory statement of the demands for grants is placed on the table of the House. The total supplementary demand is for Rs. 67